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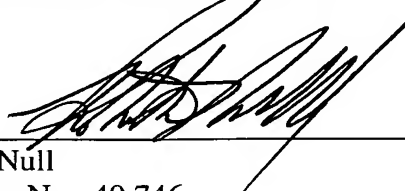
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None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

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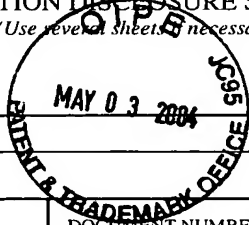
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	AF	2,470,524	05/17/1949	Scudder			
	AG	2,673,771	03/30/1954	Krewson			
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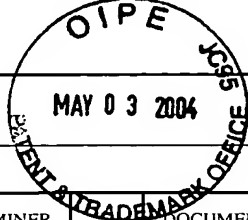
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	BB	3,588,023	06/28/1971	Cohen			
	BC	3,674,294	07/04/1972	Kirkham			
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	BE	4,005,844	02/01/1977	Richmond			
	BF	4,113,222	09/12/1978	Frinzel			
	BG	4,163,536	08/07/1979	Heller et al.			
	BH	4,190,224	02/26/1980	LeBlanc et al.			
	BI	4,225,104	09/30/1980	Larson			
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	CC	4,559,036	12/17/1985	Wunsch			
	CD	4,600,209	07/15/1986	Kerr, Jr.			
	CE	4,616,797	10/14/1986	Cramer			
	CF	4,629,074	12/16/1986	Toder			
	CG	4,691,397	09/08/1987	Netzer			
	CH	4,702,448	10/27/1987	LoJacono et al.			
	CI	4,718,892	01/12/1988	Yung-Ho			
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	DD	4,925,444	05/15/1990	Orkin et al.			
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	DH	4,997,150	03/05/1991	Mardollo			
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	ED	5,108,066	04/28/1992	Lundstrom			
	EE	5,110,076	05/05/1992	Snyder et al.			
	EF	5,112,019	05/12/1992	Metzler, et al.			
	EG	5,125,607	06/30/1992	Pryor			
	EH	5,174,533	12/29/1992	Pryor et al.			
	EI	5,207,642	05/04/1993	Orkin et al.			
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	FC	5,400,995	03/28/1995	Boyd			
	FD	5,407,163	04/18/1995	Kramer et al.			
	FE	5,542,138	08/06/1996	Williams et al.			
	FF	5,588,166	12/31/1996	Burnett			
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	HG	5,888,014	03/30/1999	Lung et al.			
	HH	6,109,797	08/29/2000	Nagura et al.			
	HI	6,224,027	05/01/2001	Johnson et al.			
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